GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:564
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2002
RAJASTHAN DISTRICTS ENGULFED BY FLUOROSIS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts affected by ground water contamination like arsenic and fluorosis, State-wise; and

(b) the remedial steps taken by the Government and the funds earmarked for containing the menace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) A statement indicating names of States and Districts where ground water has been found contaminated with arsenic and fluoride is enclosed.

(b) The provision of drinking water supply is the responsibility of the State Governments. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments and provide financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). Under ARWSP, upto 20% of the allotted funds can be utilized to tackle water quality problems. In such quality affected areas, where ground water is unfit for drinking, the safe drinking water is supplied either through alternative sources, tapping surface water or treatment of quality problems through suitable removal unit. In urban areas, the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation assists the States for the provision of safe drinking water.

The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) also provides technical services to the State Governments. The CGWB undertakes periodic monitoring of water quality. The data thus collected is made available to concerned State agencies. The Board has sanctioned funds amounting to Rs. 59.78 lakh to the Government of West Bengal to study arsenic contamination in ground water in the State.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 564 DATED 04.03.2002.

STATE-WISE NAMES OF DISTRICTS WHERE GROUND WATER HAS BEEN FOUND CONTAMINATED WITH FLUORID ARSENIC

STATE	DISTRICTS	
	FLUORIDE	ARSENIC
Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam, Nellore, Anantapur, Nalgonda, Ranga Reddy, Adilabad	
Assam	Karbi Anglong, Nowgaon	
Bihar	Jamui	
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	
Gujarat	Kachch, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Mehsana, Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Panchmahal, Kheda	
Haryana	Rohtak, Jind, Hissar, Bhiwani, Mahendragarh, Faridabad	
Jharkhand	Giridih, Dhanbad	
Karnataka	Tumkur, Kolar, Bangalore, Gulbarga, Bellary, Raichur	
Kerala	Palghat	
Madhya Pradesh	Bhind, Morena, Guna, Jhabua, Chhindwara, Seoni, Mandla,	

	Vidisha
Maharashtra	Bhandara, Chandrapur, Nanded, Aurangabad
Orissa	Bolangir
Punjab	Ludhiana, Faridkot, Bhatinda, Sangrur, Jalandhar, Amritsar
Rajasthan	Barmer, Bikaner, Ganganagar, Jalore, Nagaur, Pali, Sirohi
Tamil Nadu	Dharmapuri, Salem, North Arcot, Villupuram Tiruchirappalli, Pudukkottai
Uttar Pradesh	Bulandshahar, Aligarh, Agra, Unnao, Rae-Bareli
West Bengal	Birbhum Malda, South 24 Paraganas, Nadia, Hoogly, Murshidabad, Bardhaman, Howrah.
NCT of Delhi	City, Shahdra & Mehrauli blocks